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Supplemental to the amendment filed

January 10, 2003, submitted herewith is the declaration

of Hioaki 'TAKAYAMA.

The TAKAYAMA declaration demonstrates that the VDR binding properties of the compounds of the present invention are considerably higher than for the  $\beta$ -substituted compounds. The data discussed in this declaration are comparable because the techniques for obtaining the data are the same. Particularly, the VDR binding data for the  $2\alpha$ -vitamin D compounds of Tsugawa et al. are substantially comparable with the data of the instant application, since they were each evaluated using relative values with respect to the same reference compounds,  $1\alpha$ , 25-dihydroxy vitamin D3, and determined according to substantially the same method based on the

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same article of Imae et al. Therefore, it is believed that the data compared in the TAKAYAMA declaration represent a proper comparison of the data.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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